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SUBJECT: JBC AGAIN ACCUSES U.S.

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1. IN A BRIEF ARTICLE ON ITS HOURLY RADIO NEWSCASTS, AND ON ITS 7:30 PM TV NEWS, THEGOVERNMENT-OWNED JAMAICA BROADCASTING COMPANY (JBC) CARRIED A STORY JUNE 30 ABOUT THE US BLACK CAUCUS. ACCORDING TO JBC, BARBARA WILLIAMS, SECRETARY OF THECAUCUS, EXPRESSED OUTRAGE THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAD TRIED TO CONVINCE THE CAUCUS THAT EDDIE SEAGA AND THEJAMAICA LABOR PARTY WOULD WIN THE JAMAICAN ELECTION, AND THAT THE CAUCUS SHOULD MEET WITH SEAGA. MS. WILLIAMS THEN REPORTEDLY SAID THAT THE CAUCUS HAD RECOMMENDED INCREASED AID TO THE MANLEY GOVERNMENT. JBC THEN WENT ON TO QUOTE STATE DESK OFFICER JULIAN LEBOURGEOIS (BY NAME, WITH CORRECT PRONUNCIATION
SAYING THE STORY FROM MS. WILLIAMS WAS "TOTALLY INACCURATE". LEBOURGEOIS, SAID JBC, ADMITTED THAT HE HAD TRIED TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS FOR CERTAIN MEMBERS OF MR. SEAGA'S PARTY TO MEET WITH THE CAUCUS, BUT HE REFUSED TO REVEAL THEIR NAMES.

2. THE GOVERNMENT OWNED DAILY NEWS GAVE A SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT VERSION IN A SMALL, FRONT-PAGE ARTICLE JULY 1: QUOTE. SOME 10 HOURS AFTER THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF AN ABORTED COUP PLOT AGAINST PRIME MINISTER MICHAEL MANLEY, THE UNITED STATES STATE DEPARTMENT ALLEGEDLY APPROACHED THE BLACK CAUCUS GROUP IN THE UNITED STATES AND URGED THEM TO MEET WITH OPPOSITION LEADER EDDIE SEAGA.
VISITING EDITOR OF THE CALFIORNIA VOICE CHAUNCEY BAILEY TOLD THE DAILY NEWS THAT THE GROUP REBUFFED THE APPROACH. MR. SEAGA WAS AT THE TIME VISITING THE UNITED STATES, THE RE-PORT SAID. UNQUOTE.

3. COMMENT: THIS IS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF THE ANTI-U.S. CAMPAIGN CONTINUING IN THE GOVERNMENT-OWNED MEDIA (SEE REFTEL). FOR INSTANCE JBC ON JUNE 30 CARRIED TWO LENGTHY PROGRAMS ON THE CIA (ONE AN INTERVIEW WITH SO-CALLED PSY-WAR EXPERT FRED LANDIS). THE DAILY NEWS ON JULY 1 HAS AN ARTICLE ABOUT CIA BANKING ITS MONEY IN THE BAHAMAS (THE CITED SOURCE IS THE PUBLICATION COVERT ACTION).
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